

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of:) **ATTENTION APPLICATIONS BRANCH**
Daniel GIRARD)
Application No.: 10/522,584) International Application No.: PCT/CA03/00991
Filed: January 26, 2005) International Appl. Filing Date: June 30, 2003
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING IN POSITION ADJACENT
FACING ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR JOINING THEM BY WELDING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**MAIL STOP PCT**

Commissioner for Patents
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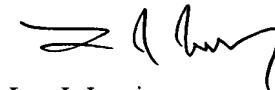
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension-of-time, to extend the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed December 2, 2005.

Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of the extension fee of \$225.00 according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,

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